



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**DISTRICT 3**  
**File #:** 23-140

Board Meeting Date: 3/14/2023

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Supervisor Ray Mueller, District 3  
**Subject:** Reappointment to the Arts Commission

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation for the reappointment of Belinda Arriaga to the San Mateo County Arts Commission, representing District 3, for a first full term ending December 31, 2026.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Arts Commission was created to promote and encourage the arts, to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors, to prepare and update the County's strategic and cultural plan, and act as a liaison with arts organizations in order to ensure collaboration and coordination related to culture and art activities in San Mateo County.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Belinda Arriaga has been serving on the Arts Commission since her initial partial term began in October 2020 and is being recommended to serve for a first full term effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026.

Dr. Belinda Arriaga is the founder and Executive Director of ALAS (Ayudando Latinos A Soñar) in Half Moon Bay. She is also an associate professor at UC-Berkeley. Her experience with the first Latino arts program in Half Moon Bay helped establish an opportunity to improve access to the arts for an underserved community.

Dr. Arriaga has shown her commitment to the arts and her community by successfully participating in all Commission meetings, promoting Commission activities throughout the district, and developing collaborations with Commission grantees and organizations for programming. She continues to demonstrate leadership in District 3 with her deep involvement with the diverse Coastside community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.